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SUMMARY: SEVENTH CONGRESS LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF CROATIA (LCC) HELD IN ZAGREB APRIL 7-9. AS ANTICIPATED (REF A), MILKA PLANINC REELECTED PRESIDENT LCC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) AND DUSAN DRAGOSAVAC CHOSEN SUCCEED JOSIP VRHOVEC AS SECRETARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) OF CC OF LCC. SPEECHES ROUNDLY CONDEMED "TECHNOCRATIC," "BUREAUCRATIC," "CENTRALIST," "NEO-STALINIST," "NATIONALIST" OPPOSITIONS TO SELF-MANAGEMENT. IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AREA, ITALY'S ZONE B POLICY, "ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY MANEUVERS," DREW HEAVY FIRE. PRESIDENT PLANINC STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT "INTEREST OF ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV PEOPLE LIES IN STABLE AND PEACEFUL BORDER, OPEN TO ALL-AROUND FRIENDLY COOPERATION AND TRADE." END SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENT PLANINC'S TWO-HOUR SPEECH CONTAINED MUCH PRAISE FOR TITO AND DEPICTED "NATIONALISM" AND VARIOUS "CENTRALISMS" AS TWO FACES SAME ANTI-SELF-MANAGEMENT COIN. SHE SAID THAT
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"IN PERIOD ECONOMIC STAGNATION" LCC LEADERS SUBSEQUENTLY

DEPOSED AFTER KARADJORDJEVO HAD ALIGNED SELVES WITH "REACTIONARY, ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS" AGAINST WISHES "HUGE MAJORITY LCC MEMBERSHIP AND CC MAJORITY." SHE URGED MORE EFFECTIVE PARTY ACTIVITY AMONG WORKERS, GREATER SELF-MANAGEMENT IN ENTERPRISES, TIGHTER PARTY DISCIPLINE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF CROATIA'S ECONOMY.

2. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MRS. PLANINC WARNED "ALL WHO BELIEVE THEY HAVE RESERVE DETONATORS ANYWHERE ON OUR BORDERS" THAT "WE WILL DEFEND EQUALLY EVERY CENTIMETER OF OUR TERRITORY." SHE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT "INTEREST OF ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV PEOPLES LIES IN STABLE AND PEACEFUL BORDER, OPEN TO AN ALL-AROUND FRIENDLY COOPERATION AND TRADE."

3. IN FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT, RETIRING PARTY SECRETARY VRHOVEC SAID PRESENT BORDER DISPUTE "NOT WITHOUT DANGER." HE NOTED "WAR GAMES OF AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET IN NORTHERN ADRIATIC." ADDITIONALLY, HE PLAYED BOTH PAST DOMESTIC CRITICS OF NONALIGNMENT AND ENTERPRISES ENTERING "HALF-COLONIAL PRODUCTIVE-FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH WESTERN PARTNERS." WILSON

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